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TITLE: METHOD FOR FORMING A BARRIER LAYER FOR USE IN A
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003 and Examiner's comments with regard thereto, please enter the following amendments in the above-entitled application, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.